

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fluid pressure operating apparatus, comprising:

a fluid pressure cylinder for at least one of opening and/or closing a contact;

control valves usable for ~~use of~~ a respective open and/or close operation, for bringing said fluid pressure cylinder into an opened-circuit ~~operation~~ state and a closed-circuit ~~operation~~ state; and

driving portions, ~~each being~~ provided in each of those control valves, wherein said driving portions and said associated control valves useable for the opening and closing operations are disposed ~~in a same~~ on a common axis thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) [A] The fluid pressure operating apparatus, ~~as described in the~~ according to claim 1, wherein each of said control valve is a poppet valve, and each of said driving ~~portion~~ portions is a solenoid of a ~~type of~~ direct movement type.

3. (Currently Amended) [A] The fluid pressure operating apparatus, ~~as described in the~~ according to claim 2, wherein a plunger ~~owned by~~ associated

with each said solenoid and a valve body ~~owned by~~ associated with each said poppet valve have engagement portions, and each of ~~these~~ the engagement portions ~~has a length, so that it is~~ sized to be longer at said valve body side than that at said plunger side.

4. (Currently Amended) A fluid pressure operating apparatus, comprising:

a fluid pressure cylinder for at least one of opening and/or closing a contact;

control valves ~~r-opened-circuit and/or closed-circuit~~, for bringing said fluid pressure cylinder into an opened-circuit operation state and a closed-circuit operation state; and

~~solenoids, each being~~ provided in ~~each of these~~ the control valves for the open-circuit and closed circuit operation along a common axis with the control valves, wherein each of said ~~solenoid~~ solenoids has a plunger therein, so that an operation initiating time of said control valves usable for ~~use of~~ an open operation differs from ~~that~~ an operation initiating time of said control valves usable for ~~use of~~ close operation when operating to open a circuit and when operating to close a circuit.

5. (Currently Amended) A The fluid pressure operating apparatus, ~~as described in the~~ according to claim 4, wherein a penetrating hole is formed in each of said control valves, within which said plunger is able to move, and a

projection portion is formed at a tip of said plunger, ~~thereby~~ to engage with said control valve at said projection portion.

6. (Currently Amended) A The fluid pressure operating apparatus, ~~as described in the~~ according to claim 5, wherein both said plungers of said ~~solenoid~~ solenoids for driving the control ~~valve~~ valves usable for ~~use of the~~ open operation and said ~~solenoid~~ for driving the control ~~valve~~ valves usable for ~~use of the~~ close operation are disposed on ~~a same~~ the common axis[,] and ~~are neighboring with~~ adjoin each other on a side opposing to said projection portions of said plungers.

7. (Currently Amended) A The fluid pressure operating apparatus, ~~as described in the~~ according to claim 4, wherein a penetrating hole is formed in each of said control valves, within which penetrating hole said plunger is ~~able~~ arranged to move, and a projection portion is formed on each of said plungers, ~~thereby~~ for engaging said projection portions with said control valves, and further two (2) pieces of said plungers are disposed on ~~a same~~ the common axis, and a connection rod is ~~provide for connecting~~ between the projection portions of said both plungers.

8. (Currently Amended) A The fluid pressure operating apparatus, ~~as described in the~~ according to claim 4, wherein each of said control valves is a poppet valve.

9. (Currently Amended) A The fluid pressure operating apparatus,~~as described in the~~ according to claim 4 7, wherein said control valve usable for use of the open operation and said projection portion of the plunger engaging with said control valve usable for ~~use of the~~ open operation are in contact ~~with~~ under a condition where said control valve usable for ~~use of the~~ open operation is closed, ~~while~~ and a gap is defined between said control valve usable for ~~use of the~~ close operation and said projection portion of the plunger engaging with said control valve usable for ~~use of the~~ close operation under a condition where the plunger engaging with said control valve usable for ~~use of the~~ open operation and said control valve usable for ~~use of the~~ close operation are in contact ~~with~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A The fluid pressure operating apparatus,~~as described in the~~ according to claim 4 7, wherein said control valve used for ~~use of the~~ close operation and said projection portion of the plunger engaging with said control valve used for ~~use of the~~ close operation are in contact ~~with~~ under a condition where said control valve used for ~~use of the~~ close operation is closed, while a gap is defined between said control valve used for ~~use of the~~ open operation and said projection portion of the plunger engaging with said control valve used for ~~use of the~~ open operation under condition ~~where~~ in which the plunger engaging with said control valve used for ~~use of the~~ close operation and said control valve used for ~~use of the~~ close operation are in contact ~~with~~.